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contracting". We're talking about the consent that must be given by both of the parties to this marriage. So I would strike "capable of contracting", and insert "legally capable of giving such consent". Consent is what we're talking about. There's no need to inject the word "contracting" because there are different ages that people can be in order to do certain things. So in order that there is no question whatsoever about what we're talking about, this language would make it clear that the consent which these parties will give must be a consent which both are legally capable of giving. And we know what that means, so that is the amendment that I'm offering. We're not talking about anything other than consent. "Capable of contracting" is not as precise as this language. I would like to ask Senator Jensen a question. Senator Jensen.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Jensen, will you respond?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Have you been given a copy of this yet?

SENATOR JENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. So, I want to give you a chance to look at it, and this is the way it would read with my language: "In law, marriage is considered a civil contract between one man and one woman to which the consent of both parties legally capable of giving such consent." That's what the language...that's the way the language would read. Do you agree with that language?

SENATOR JENSEN: I just want to make clear.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR JENSEN: We're also striking the word then "is essential". We'll put a period after the word "consent". Is that correct?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No. We will leave "essential" because I'm going to offer an amendment that deals with that by itself, but I wanted to make it two things. Here's what I would do with "essential". Instead of saying "is essential", I would put this language...because we're talking about the consent. Instead of